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In re Patent Application

Goodnow et al.

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For: **SEQUENCE #115 AS A TARGET FOR IDENTIFYING
WEIGHT MODULATING COMPOUNDS**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Nutley, New Jersey 07110
June 7, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks in response to the restriction requirement issued May 12, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 1-36 are pending. The Examiner is requiring the Applicants to elect a single group from groups I - XIV as set forth in the office action for prosecution on the merits.

The Examiner asserts that groups I – XIV are distinct, each from the other for the reasons set forth in the Office Action and that to examine the application

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without restriction would impose an undue burden on the Examiner and the Patent Office resources.

The Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse group I (Claims 1, 3, 5, 14, 19, 25, 28, 30 and 33) drawn to a method of identifying compounds useful for modulating body weight, the method comprising contacting a test compound with a mammalian sequence #115 and identifying a compound that binds to mammalian sequence #115. However, the Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement for the following reasons.

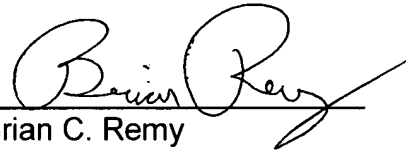
The Applicants do not believe a serious burden exists for the Examiner to search and examine groups I-XIV together since all of these groups are apparently classified in the exact same class (514) and subclass (44). The Applicants performed a search of class 514 and subclass 44 on the USPTO website and do not believe this class and subclass contain an undue number of references that would result in a serious burden to the Examiner if groups I-XIV were searched and examined together. All of the claims in all of the groups are limited to some type of G protein coupled receptor (mammalian sequence #115) limitation, which would apparently have to be a search term in every search of every group. Using the G protein coupled receptor or its synonyms as broad search term(s) should produce only a limited number of references for the Examiner to analyze.

Thus, for the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

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Respectfully submitted,

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